

21st March 1921]

Panchama meeting at Nannimangalam, Lalgudi taluk.

425 Q.—Mr. R. T. KESAVULU PILLAI: To ask the Hon'ble the Law Member whether—

(a) the Government have perused a communication under the heading "a Panchama mass meeting" published in the *Hindu* of 3rd February 1921; and

(b) the Government have taken any steps in view of the action of the high caste Hindus of the village of Nannimangalam in Lalgudi taluk.

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The resolutions passed at the meeting were received by Government who have forwarded them to the Commissioner of Labour for inquiry. On the result of the inquiry, the Government will consider what action, if any, should be taken.

Occupancy rights to Malabar kanam tenants.

426 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: To ask the Hon'ble the Law Member—

(a) whether Mr. C. A. Innes submitted to the Government, when he was the Collector of Malabar, a memorandum urging the need for granting right of permanent occupancy to the kanam tenants of Malabar in their holdings; and

(b) if so, to lay the memorandum on the table.

A.—(a) The Government received a note from Mr. Innes on the tenancy question in Malabar.

(b) They regret that they cannot comply with the request.

Government officers and clerks trained in Indian Defence Force.

427 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(a) how many officers and clerks in each department under the Government have undergone the training in the Indian Defence Force; and

(b) whether any preferential treatment has been accorded to them.

A.—(a) The Government are not in possession of the information.

(b) The Government in 1917 instructed heads of departments and offices to take service in the Indian Defence Force into consideration when making appointments. They have no reason to believe that this instruction has not been carried out, or that heads of departments have failed to give effect to the resolution* of the Government of India on the subject of the preferential treatment of persons who have rendered service in connexion with the prosecution of the war.

Breach of peace at Calicut.

428 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been no breaches of the peace at Calicut prior or subsequent to the arrests of Messrs. Yaqub Hasan, Madhavan Nayar, Gopala Menon and Mohideen Koya;

(b) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the expression of public feeling in the Presidency protesting against the arrest; and

(c) whether the Government cannot direct the immediate release of those persons.

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